only paid low wages but are also forced to work for long hours;

(d) if so, the names of the State where the Minimum Wages Act is being violated; and

(e) the steps being taken by the government to impress upon the State Governments to fully implement the Minimum Wages Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. the news item relates to violation of the provisions of Minimum Wages Act in the State of Punjab. As per th information furnished by the government of Punjab, out of 67 scheduled employments, minimum wages have been fixed for 60 scheduled employments and 100 Inspectors have been appointed for enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act. During April to September, 1991 for which the latest figures are available, 13,178 inspections in industrial units have been conducted and 623 prosecutions filed. During the same period, 423 establishments have been fined for commiting irregularities and an amount of Rs.76, 350 realised as fine.

(b) to (d). The responsibility for fixing/ revision and enforcement of the provisions of Minimum Wages Act in respect of the scheduled employments falling in the State sphere lies on the scheduled employments. All the State Governments have got the enforcement machinery for this purpose and action against the defaulting employers, as per the provisions of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is taken by the State Governments regularly.

(e). The Central Government have been impressing upon the State Governments from time to time regarding the urgent need for the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, through various National Tripartite Bodies like Indian Labour Conference and State Labour Ministers' Conferences, etc.

Equity participation by Japan in Maruti Udyog Ltd.

*289. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Suzki Motor Corporation of Japan has submitted a proposal to raise its equity in Maruti Udyog Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Suzuki Motor Corporation has made a proposal to Government for raising their equity participation in Maruti Udyog Ltd. The proposal is under examination.

Export By Indian Rare Earths Limited

*292 SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the products manufactured by the Indian Rare Earths Limited, Manavalakurichi (Tamilnadu) are being exported overseas; and

(b) if so, the details of the exports made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Part of the

production of Manavalakurichi Plant of India Rare earths Ltd. is exported. Of late, however, the exports from Manavalakurichi have slackened due to the sluggish demand in the overseas market, particularly for ilmenite feed-stocks.

(b) Details of the exports made during the last three years:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Item	1988-89		1989-90		1990-91	
		Qty. in MT	FOB value (Rs.)	Qty. in MT.	FOB value (Rs.)	Qty. in MT.	FOB value (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Ilmenite	25,560	284.09	22,200	267.30	6.000	73.91
2.	Garnet	3,009	25.26	3,773	45.77	1,917	22.75
3.	Rutile	—	—	500	51.55	—	—
4.	Monazite	—	—	1,700	183.41	400	46.71
	Total	28,569	309.35	28,173	548.03	8,317	143.37